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New Yorkers have kink on the brain

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In the news

40 years to life

Levi Aron was sentenced to 40 years to life in prison yesterday for the abduction and murder of 8-year-old Leiby Kletzky in Brooklyn last summer.

At the time of Aron's guilty plea, Brooklyn District Attorney Charles Hynes said in a statement: "We can all take solace that Levi Aron will never, ever be able to hurt anyone ever again."

In fact, the minimum time 36-year-old Aron will serve is 40 years, at which point he will go before a parole review board.

According to a Bronx-based criminal defense attorney, it is highly unlikely that a parole board would grant him parole after 40 years or at all, given the high profile of the case.

Aron's lawyer Howard Greenberg urged that his client needs protection in jail. "If he's not put in private custody ... he'll be murdered," Greenberg said, according to the New York Post. METRO/DT

Funeral. Ercolino

BILLY BECERRA/METRO

Empire State Building shooting victim laid to rest

Friends and family members carried the casket of shooting victim Steven Ercolino into Our Lady of Sorrows Church in White Plains, N.Y., during his funeral yesterday. Police say Ercolino was gunned down by his former co-worker at Hazan Imports, Jeffrey Johnson, outside the Empire State Building Friday. Ercolino, 41, was killed when Johnson shot him five times at close range. Ercolino's family members, including his sister, shared stories about his passion for New York sports during the ceremony. METRO/CG

BARCLAYS CENTER

Barclays countdown has begun

The new Barclays Center opens in 29 days! Metro will offer a tidbit about the new development daily until opening day. Here's a parking tip from New York-based indie ticketing company Concert Ticket Agency: "Passes can be purchased in advance at barclaysparking.com for around $30 per event. If you have more than three people in a car, you can get a discounted rate. Since parking is so limited, it's worth purchasing in advance. Parking is already sold out for opening night." METRO

New Yorkers search more for BDSM porn than rest of the world

Naughty porn searches up worldwide, but New York leads numbers ◗ BDSM enthusiasts aren't surprised to hear New Yorkers are kinkiest ◗ Say city's always been sexually progressive

New Yorkers are getting their freak on — behind closed doors.

Statistics compiled and released Tuesday by adult entertainment site YouPorn show New Yorkers are searching for BDSM-related terms more than anywhere else in the world.

According to the numbers, searches for BDSM-related porn on the site are up worldwide, likely due to the explosion of popularity for the erotic novel "Fifty Shades of Grey."

But here in New York, searches for that kind of porn increased the most, at an 89.7 percent increase from April to June of 2012, compared to a worldwide increase of 67 percent, according to YouPorn.

"New Yorkers spanked the competition," YouPorn said of the statistics.

A spokesman for the site said they were able to compile the data using analytic software that could tell where searches came from.

The news doesn't come as a surprise to people who are embedded in New York's kinky community.

"There has been an uptick on the scene," Bo Blaze, who has been active in New York's BDSM scene for more than 20 years, told Metro. "I would attribute it mostly to New York being an awesome, kinky town, and people here are curious."

New Yorkers are searching for the terms "sex slave" and "master" more than ever, with a 109.2 percent increase and 113.82 percent increase, respectively. The rest of the world is searching for that type of porn, but only at a 78.96 percent and 71.91 percent increase.

The master-slave relationship takes a front seat in the wildly popular "Fifty Shades," which could explain the recent interest.

"No book sells 32 million copies without a cultural shift happening, and New York leads that," Blaze said.

Guy Sanders, a spokesman for the Eulenspiegel Society — New York's oldest BDSM group — agreed, adding that the city has historically served as a pioneer when it comes to sexuality.

"The gay pride movement really took force in New York," Sanders said. "New Yorkers are progressive sexually."

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Open-minded, 'curious' city

BDSM enthusiasts told Metro the increase in kinky porn searches could translate into more New Yorkers wanting to experiment with those kind of sexual exploits in real life. Still, they predict the majority of people who enjoy BDSM porn will keep it at a viewing level, rather than a participation level.

"It's definitely going to trickle down, but it will take a while," Blaze said. "It's going to take telling people that there are safe, sane, consensual places where you can learn and you don't even have to do anything."

"I think that some will [eventually participate]," Sanders said. "But you always find that people watch things that they would never do." METRO/CG

Search history

BDSM-related word searches done between April and June 2012:

- **Sex slave:** Search increase in NYC: 109.2 percent
  Search increase worldwide: 78.96 percent
- **Master:** Search increase in NYC: 113.82 percent
  Search increase worldwide: 71.91 percent
- **Domination:** Search increase in NYC: 94.29 percent
  Search increase worldwide: 82.06 percent
- **Sadism:** Search increase in NYC: 88.31 percent
  Search increase worldwide: 71.81 percent
- **Slave:** Search increase in NYC: 79.33 percent
  Search increase worldwide: 61.56 percent METRO/CG

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Suspect wanted in assault on bus driver in Bronx

BRONX. Police announced yesterday they are looking for the suspect who attacked a bus driver earlier this month in the Bronx.

The attack happened at approximately 9:45 p.m. on Aug. 15.

According to police, a Hispanic teenager, between the ages of 15 and 18, forced open the door of a BX21 bus that had stopped at Ferris Place and Westchester Avenue.

The suspect punched the driver in the face unprovoked, causing the driver's mouth to bleed, before fleeing the scene.

City bus drivers are no strangers to attacks from passengers.

In 2008, a 20-year-old man was convicted of stabbing a Brooklyn bus driver to death. This past May, a 58-year-old female bus driver was punched in the face by a passenger in East Harlem.

The NYPD is asking that anyone with information on this most recent attack call 1-800-577-TIPS (8477). **METRO/DT**

Isabella, Jayden favorite '11 names

For third year in a row, New Yorkers pick Jayden and Isabella as their favorite newborn names Mayor also touts New Yorkers' lifespans, longer than nat'l average

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▶ Mayor Michael Bloomberg gets cute with baby Jayden Marthone and parents Stanley Marthone and Kimberly Harris.

New Yorkers need to get more creative when it comes to naming their progeny.

For the third year in a row, Jayden and Isabella are the city's most popular baby names, Mayor Michael Bloomberg announced yesterday. Of all recorded birth certificates in 2011, New York City saw more than 600 Isabellas and more than 800 Jaydens.

The mayor was accompanied by two Brooklyn babies: Borough Park's Isabella Pal and her mother Natalia Lattanzio, and Jayden Marthone of Crown Heights, with his parents Stanley Marthone and Kimberly Harris. The mayor presented each baby with a onesie declaring them "Made In New York" and an "Official New York Baby" bib in either red or blue.

Jayden's parents said they had no idea their newborn son's name was so common and they were in fact trying to be unique when they chose that name for the boy.

Other names they considered include Jonathan and Christian, but Harris said she was "looking for something different."

"We thought it was different," she said. "We were shocked."

Other popular baby names for girls include Sophia (No. 2) and Sofia (No. 10). The mayor noted that Michael — "a fine name" — moved up a couple notches to the fifth most popular name, from seventh in 2010.

The life expectancy of babies born in New York City exceeds the national average by 2.5 years, the mayor noted.

"[This] hasn't happened by accident," Bloomberg said. "This is a result of all the steps we've taken in New York to ensure that our babies have the best possible start in life and get off to a safe and healthy childhood."

Most popular names citywide

Here are the 10 most popular names for little New York City girls and boys in 2011:

1. Isabella, Jayden
2. Sophia, Jacob
3. Olivia, Ethan
4. Emma, Daniel
5. Mia, Michael
6. Emily, Matthew
7. Madison, Justin
8. Leah, David
9. Chloe, Aiden
10. Sofia, Alexander

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Carriage horse drivers: Feud over Central Park rides getting physical

Drivers accuse protesters of two assaults ◗ But protesters respond that horse owners and drivers are the real abusers ◗ Woman being prosecuted for assault

The fight over New York's controversial carriage horse rides has long been bitter and heated on both sides.

But it is now getting physical, carriage horse drivers say.

Horse and Carriage Association President Stephen Malone, and Teamsters Local 553, which represents carriage drivers, said two drivers were attacked within 10 days this month.

During the first incident, prosecutors say that on Aug. 18, at around 3:20 p.m. at Central Park West and Sixth Avenue, Roxanne Delgado, 42, kicked the leg of driver Jesus Rojas.

She caused "an abrasion and redness" and "substantial pain," according to court documents.

"She just snapped and kicked him," Malone said.

Delgado's attorney did not return a call for comment.

The Manhattan district attorney's office confirmed Delgado has been charged with harassment and assault.

Malone described a separate incident where he said a man followed a driver Saturday night and punched him after a heated argument while the driver was helping customers get out of the carriage.

He said the driver punched back.

A police spokesman confirmed the 9:10 p.m. alleged assault, saying the victim was punched several times in the head and body and was taken to the hospital. Emin Karsavuran, 35, was charged with misdemeanor assault, police said.

Malone said both attacks were done by people who are opposed to the carriage horse rides, but other activists could not confirm that.

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"This type of thing is a recipe for disaster."
HORSE AND CARRIAGE ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT STEPHEN MALONE

ALISON BOWEN/METRO

▶ Oreo, the horse injured earlier this month, before he was driven to a farm in Massachusetts yesterday.

Horse injured in accident heads upstate

Horse and Carriage Association President Stephen Malone spoke yesterday at an event held to say goodbye to Oreo, a carriage horse who was spooked in an accident two weeks ago. He bolted, and the driver fell out of his seat and landed in the street. Oreo hit a car as the carriage fell apart and eventually dumped the passengers.

Yesterday morning, Oreo was loaded into a trailer, and as it rolled down 52nd Street past the Clinton Park Stables, onlookers shouted, "Bye, Oreo!"

Oreo heads to Blue Star Equiculture, a draft horse sanctuary in Palmer, Mass., where he'll join 30 other horse, including other former draft horses.

Malone's former carriage horse, Paddy — named for being bought on St. Patrick's Day — also retired there after 12 years on the job. METRO/AB

But those against the carriage rides disagree

Elizabeth Forel, of the Coalition to Ban Horse-Drawn Carriages, said that the drivers have a history of insulting protesters, who she said document animal abuses.

Scott Levenson, a spokesperson for New Yorkers for Clean, Livable and Safe Streets, which backs legislation that could replace carriages with electric cars, added, "For them to be pointing fingers at the protesters is absurd."

He would not confirm whether Delgado had volunteered with the group, but added: "We don't condone violence on animals or human beings at any time." METRO/AB

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Celebrating the end of summer

Police Athletic League hosts fun-filled carnival in each borough It's one last bash before school starts

▶ Kids with the Police Athletic League enjoy their final bash of the summer.

Well, that went fast.

Summer came to a symbolic close last week for the more than 7,000 youngsters who participate in the Police Athletic League's Play Streets program.

Under the program, dozens of city blocks in high-crime areas are cordoned off for seven weeks so that children can play in them.

Before they head back to school, the Play Streets kids then get one final hurrah with a carnival-like celebration in each of the five boroughs.

"It's really just about being a kid and having fun," said Richard Guevara, director of field operations at Police Athletic League.

Last Monday afternoon, Aug. 20, Radio Disney pumped out the tunes as a few hundred youngsters in Police Athletic League T-shirts excitedly ran around Stapleton Playground on Staten Island.

Some were getting their faces painted. Others were sticking on fake tattoos or scaling a portable rock climbing wall.

Some kids were jumping in an inflatable bouncy house and playing jumbo-sized board games. They even got a chance to do dribbling and lay-up drills with the New York Knicks' clinic event staff.

The kids also played tug-of-war and watched a performance by the Knicks City Dancers.

"It's nice," said PAL kid Julia Mendoza, 7. "There's too much games to play."

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Retired WNBA player helps out

On hand at Monday's PAL celebration was retired WNBA player Kym Hampton, who played for the New York Liberty from 1997 to 1999.

"I really like interacting with the kids," Hampton told Metro. "To me this is fun."

She said she especially likes working with girls, who at first are often too shy or intimidated to play with boys. "But once girls get going they really rock," Hampton said. "We know that from the Olympics."

METRO/JG

The facts

What is PAL?

▶ In 1914, the then-commissioner of the NYPD, Arthur Woods, asked his police officers to do more than just fight crime: He wanted them to help some of the neediest New Yorkers in their precincts. Woods was particularly concerned about the lack of open space for New York City children to play.

▶ Today, the organization Woods founded is now known as the Police Athletic League, a nonprofit that helps set up safe recreation areas, after-school programs and mentoring.

▶ Once a month, Metro will feature updates about what the Police Athletic League is doing and how it is working to help make New York City streets healthier and safer.

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Hurricane Isaac drenches US Gulf Coast, tests New Orleans

Floodwater from Hurricane Isaac jumped a levee on the outskirts of New Orleans on Wednesday, but the multibillion-dollar barriers built to protect the city itself after the 2005 Katrina disaster were not breached, officials said.

The lumbering Category 1 hurricane was lashing the Gulf Coast, threatening to flood towns in Mississippi and Louisiana with a deluge of rain, storm surges of up to 12 feet and top sustained winds up to 75 miles per hour.

With the storm nearly stalled, rainfall accumulations totaling as much as 20 inches in some areas were expected.

"There are no risks. It is holding exactly as we expected it to and is performing exactly as it should. There are no people on rooftops from flooding that even approximates what happened during Katrina," New Orleans Mayor Mitchell Landrieu said.

Police and National Guard units, many wielding automatic assault rifles, patrolled the virtually empty downtown quarter of the port city, which normally hums with tourists drawn to its jazz bars, Creole cuisine and French colonial architecture.

Tree limbs and street signs littered the streets and power was cut intermittently throughout the city, but authorities reported no security problems. **REUTERS**

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Storm surges of up to 12 feet and top sustained winds up to 75 miles per hour

FREDERIC J. BROWN/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

▶ Hurricane Isaac was wobbling northwestward at about 6 mph, a slow pace that increases the threat of rain-induced flooding.

Oil lower as offshore damage limited

Brent crude prices edged lower in choppy trading on Wednesday, while U.S. oil futures fell on expectations that damage from Hurricane Isaac to oil production will be limited and in reaction to data showing a sharp rise in U.S. crude oil stocks.

Brent crude losses were tempered by upcoming North Sea maintenance, the ongoing turmoil in the Middle East and the possibility of a strike by Norwegian oil service sector workers.

Technical support was a factor, with Brent's pull back stalling 2 cents above its 200-day moving average of $111.48 a barrel.

Hurricane Isaac drove water over the top of a levee on the outskirts of New Orleans, but the barriers built to protect the city itself after Katrina were not breached, officials said. **REUTERS**

Spyware matching FinFisher can take over iPhones

FinFisher spyware made by U.K.-based Gamma Group can take control of a range of mobile devices, including Apple's iPhone and Research in Motion's BlackBerry, an analysis of of the software shows.

The program can secretly turn on a device's microphone, track its location and monitor e-mails, text messages and voice calls, according to the findings, being published today by the University of Toronto Munk School of Global Affairs' Citizen Lab. Researchers used newly discovered malicious software samples to further pull back the curtain on the elusive cyber weapon.

The hunt for clues to the software's deployment has gained speed since July, when research based on e-mails obtained by Bloomberg News identified what looked like a FinFisher product that infects personal computers. In that case, the malware targeted activists from the Persian Gulf kingdom of Bahrain.

The latest analysis, led by security researcher Morgan Marquis-Boire, may demonstrate how such spyware can reach a broader range of devices to follow their owners' every move.

FinFisher products can secretly monitor computers, intercepting Skype calls, turning on Web cameras and recording keystrokes. They are marketed for law enforcement and government use. **BLOOMBERG**

▶ A mobile device's user can become infected by being tricked into going to a Web link and downloading the malware, which can be disguised as something other than FinSpy.

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West Nile deaths soar, says CDC

A total of 1,590 U.S. cases of West Nile virus, including 66 deaths, have been reported through late August this year, the highest human toll reported since the mosquito-borne disease was first detected in the country in 1999, health officials said yesterday.

And the toll is rising quickly. "We think the numbers will continue to rise," said Dr. Lyle Petersen, director of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Division of Vector-Borne Infectious Diseases.

"We think the numbers will continue to rise."
DR. LYLE PETERSEN

Through last week, 1,118 cases and 41 deaths had been reported; the updated figures represent a 40 percent in crease in the number of cases and a 61 percent spike in the number of deaths.

In hard-hit Texas, the number of confirmed cases soared to 733, up 197 from last week. **REUTERS**

In the news

Low-cal diets don't help lifespan, monkeys show

Monkeys fed a severely low-calorie diet didn't live longer than their normal-diet peers, a 23-year study showed, contradicting research that suggests living thin on greatly curtailed food intake extends lifespans.

The study by researchers from the National Institute on Aging sought to address whether diet restrictions had health benefits in rhesus monkeys — long-lived primates like people — thus rendering clues about human aging. Though the thin monkeys seemed healthier by some measures, calorie restriction failed to alter either cause of death or survival, the research showed. **BLOOMBERG**

GOP vows to transform President Obama's US via less government

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▶ Republicans propose overhauling the Medicare program.

The Republican Party platform promises to replace what it criticizes as President Barack Obama's debt-swollen entitlement society with "a roaring job market to match a roaring economy."

The platform reflects the influence of presidential candidate Mitt Romney, offering as the remedy for the nation's economic ills a familiar recipe of low taxes, light regulation, expanded oil drilling and free enterprise. It vows to reduce personal and corporate taxes, repeal Obama's health-care law, promote small businesses and avoid taxpayer bailouts of troubled financial institutions.

The 62-page road map, approved by a voice vote of the delegates yesterday at the party's national convention in Tampa, Fla., promotes expanded trade and accuses the Obama administration of "a virtual surrender" to commercial rival China. The Asian country is stealing American trade secrets, manipulating its currency to make its exports cheaper and hampering U.S. firms trying to sell to Chinese customers, the Republicans say.

Republicans call for banks to be "well capitalized" and pledge to repeal the 2010 Dodd-Frank financial-regulation law.

Along with economic policy shifts, the Republicans vow to transform the size and scope of government. **BLOOMBERG**

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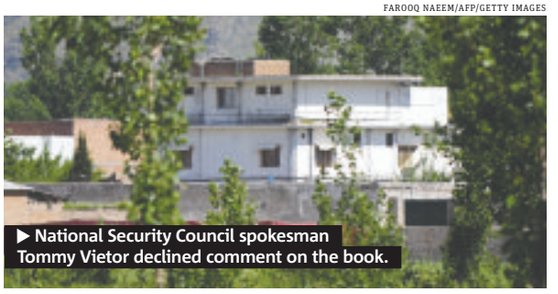

▶ National Security Council spokesman Tommy Vietor declined comment on the book.

Navy SEAL's book gives different account of bin Laden death

A U.S. Navy SEAL who has authored a first-hand account of the raid that killed Osama bin Laden says the al Qaeda leader was shot in the head as he peeked from a bedroom door, an account that diverges from the Obama administration's original description of the raid.

The book, "No Easy Day," due to be published Sept. 4, says bin Laden was unarmed when Navy SEALs found him during the raid on his Pakistan compound, according to a source who read the book.

The author, writing under the pseudonym "Mark Owen," says bin Laden was looking out from his bedroom door when he was shot in the head, said the source, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

In the hours after the raid, White House counter-terrorism adviser John Brennan had originally said that bin Laden "was engaged in a firefight" with the Navy SEALs. **REUTERS**

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Lohan is having a bad week, even for Lohan

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▶ Linds, we really hope this wasn't from the mini bar.

Lindsay Lohan almost had a good day yesterday. After it looked like she was all but headed back to jail for swiping $100,000 worth of jewelry at a house party, the L.A. County District Attorney decided not to prosecute her. Unfortunately, the Chateau Marmont — the swanky hotel she's called home since May — decided to kick her out.

In an eviction notice obtained by TMZ, general manager **Philip Pavel** takes issue with the $46,350 bill the actress has managed to rack up. "As we have made repeated attempts to resolve this pressing matter over the last few weeks without any resolute, I regret to inform you that we will no longer be able to extend any further credit for you to remain in the hotel," he writes.

Pavel goes on to add a little comedic flair: "I have adjusted off the daily $75 charge for computer rental for use of the hotel's laptop as a gesture of good faith, with the understanding that you will return the computer."

Also included with the letter is an itemized invoice of the charges, including $686 for cigarettes (to be fair, they were charging her $14 a pack) and $100 for a "Chateau Candle" — which we certainly hope is code for something much more exciting than a candle.

Charlie Sheen settling in for the long haul

Charlie Sheen's new sitcom, "Anger Management," received a 90-episode order from FX, it was announced yesterday.

The show certainly earned its renewal: "Anger Management" was the highest-rated new comedy series on cable, averaging an impressive 4.53 million viewers.

That means there's a lot of you we need declare dead to us. Yet, we're strangely comfortable with it.

Bad move, Pattinson

Robert Pattinson moved out of the posh L.A. mansion he shared with **Kristen Stewart** immediately after she admitted to cheating on him with director **Rupert Sanders**. Now, he's preparing to sell the house — as plenty of his famous neighbors take huge losses on their properties — because "there are too many memories," a source tells Us Weekly.

Robert Pattinson, are you listening to yourself? You sound like a straight-to-DVD **Drew Barrymore** movie. There are plenty of ways to girlfriend-exterminate an L.A. mansion — give our boy **Prince Harry** a call.

Pattinson

Talking points

Suri Cruise set with 'sizable' trust fund

While **Katie Holmes** will reportedly be getting $4.8 million in child support payments until **Suri Cruise** turns 18, the little girl herself stands to fare much better from her parents' divorce, according to Radar Online, as Holmes reportedly insisted that Tom Cruise set up a trust fund for Suri as part of the settlement. "It's a sizable trust fund, but Suri won't be able to fully legally claim it until she is in her 30s," a source tells the site. "Tom had no problem with the request and planned on doing it for Suri anyway."

Is Swift about to be a Kennedy?

Taylor Swift has spent her summer dating **Conor Kennedy**, the 18-year-old grandson of **Bobby Kennedy**, and she's reportedly so smitten with him that she can't stand for them to be apart. Swift recently returned to Nashville for work and, barely a week later, flew Kennedy down on a private jet to join her because she "missed Conor so much," according to Page Six. "Things have become so serious between them so fast that no one would be surprised if they eloped," says a source.

Oprah remains the highest-paid celeb

Oprah Winfrey has retained her spot atop Forbes magazine's list of highest-paid celebrities, pulling in a reported $165 million between May 2011 and May 2012. That's $125 million less than she made the previous year, but still enough to help her beat out **Michael Bay**, who comes in at No. 2 with $160 million. **Steven Spielberg** is third with $130 million, **Jerry Bruckheimer** is fourth with $115 million and **Dr. Dre** rounds out the top five with $110 million.

1. Oprah: $165M

2. Bay: $160M

3. Spielberg $130M

4. Bruckheimer: $115M

5. Dre: $110M

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The feed ...

▶ **Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.**

@birbigs (Mike Birbiglia)
How did airlines trick us into putting our own bags onto the belt?

@Joan_Rivers
The Ukraine says SpongeBob SquarePants is gay, and wants him banned. I bet they also think Peppermint Patty just hasn't met the right guy.

@rihanna
It's 430 am and I'm up like an idiot! Can't sleep! Whyyyyyyy????!!! .

@SteveMartinToGo
Going to sue Samsung for taking my idea of a talking thing the size of a pack of playing cards I had when I was eleven. Updates coming.

@michaelianblack
Any celebrities who are thinking of dying soon, please befriend me so I can relate a moving and humorous anecdote when you pass.

Rihanna

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Looking back on Venice

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Now in its 69th year, the Venice Film Festival has no trouble attracting international stars to its posh premieres and swanky after-parties. But a few decades ago? Those were some tickets we really wish we'd nabbed.

▶ Yes, Ernest Hemingway was at the film fest in 1954. And yes, he was drinking vodka from the bottle with a bandaged arm in what we think might be pajamas.

▶ Paul Newman in 1963: No one has even attempted this degree of pure swagger since.

▶ Kirk Douglas gave an impromptu autograph in 1953.

▶ In 1961, Salvador Dali arrived to the festival in plenty of style.

▶ Sophia Loren struck the pose of all poses in 1955.

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10 REASONS TO GO TO THE MOVIES THIS WEEKEND

2 'The Possession'
Catholics have been exorcising demons for the big screen pretty regularly since "The Exorcist," but now, the Jewish people get to expel an evil spirit from a young girl who becomes obsessed with a box that contains a dibbuk — a spirit that devours a human host.

3 'Premium Rush'
Joseph Gordon-Levitt stars as a bike messenger who finds he's carrying a package that everyone seems to want.

4 'The Apparition'
"Twilight" star Ashley Greene plays a student who proves that the mind can conjure a ghost.

5 'Hit and Run'
Real-life couple Dax Shepard and Kristen Bell star in this film about a reformed criminal whose bank-robbing buddies return to settle a debt.

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▶ Tom Hardy takes aim in "Lawless," in theaters now.

Must-see

1 'Lawless'
Tom Hardy, Shia LaBeouf and Jessica Chastain star in this gritty Prohibition-era yarn about a trio of brothers who dominate their county's bootlegging business until a nasty new deputy (Guy Pearce) comes to put a bloody end to their moonshining ways.

6 'The Expendables 2'
Sylvester Stallone once again leads an all-star cast of some of the biggest action stars around in this testosterone-fueled romp about a group of tough-as-nails mercenaries.

7 'ParaNorman'
In the tradition of quirky children's films comes "ParaNorman," a stop-motion flick about a boy who is tasked with saving his town from an undead uprising.

8 'Sparkle'
This film stars Whitney Houston — in her last performance on the big screen — as Emma, a single mother raising Sparkle (Jordin Sparks) and two other daughters who dream of stardom.

9 'The Bourne Legacy'
The "Bourne" franchise gets another installment, this time featuring budding action star Jeremy Renner.

10 'The Campaign'
Incumbent congressman Cam Brady (Will Ferrell) receives a challenge from corporate puppet Marty Huggins (Zach Galifianakis) for re-election. METRO

TV watch list

'Gigolos'

REALITY. We didn't think the boys of Cowboys 4 Angels escort service had it in them to last for three seasons. Guess that's why they're pros.

Season premiere, 11 p.m., Showtime

'Project Runway'

REALITY. Tonight's winning designer has his or her collection sold at Lord & Taylor, which, of course, is so much cooler than the "auf Wiedersehen" the losing designer is given. **9 p.m., Lifetime**

'Iron Men'

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OnGossamer romper, $59, www.ongossamer.com

Royal Apothic hand cream in Holland Park, $22, www.anthropologie.com

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Beauty picks

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▶ Carine Roitfeld helps you get her look.

MAC is on a roll with cool women this fall. First it partnered with Azealia Banks for a limited-edition lipstick, and now it's tapped Carine Roitfeld, former editor of French Vogue, for a collaboration based around her signature sexy, smoky eye look. Carine's 21-piece line, hitting stores Sept. 6, doesn't fuss with bright, of-the-moment colors; instead, it sticks to the classic shades and tools every women needs, such as black eye pencil, some good mascara and nude lipstick. As for her wicked wardrobe? That you'll have to work on yourself. METRO

mykids

Deconstructing the new nursery

Hipster parents are rebelling against the baby room of old, refusing to let toys destroy their home's 'look' We investigate

KENYA HUNT
METRO WORLD NEWS IN LONDON

In a not-so-small corner of the Internet universe, the topic of babies — specifically, how to have one without losing every last ounce of your edge — is a thing. A really, really big thing. There are websites dedicated to baby street style and online magazines devoted to retro design-y things for kids. Featured on them are people like you who are trying to figure the parenting thing out without completely sacrificing their current way of living. Case in point: The new nursery — which doesn't look like much of a nursery at all, but rather another coolly decorated room in your place that just happens to have toys and a crib.

"I think city-dwellers who live in smaller spaces want their home to feel as one. They want the baby's room to reflect their taste and the look they chose for the rest of the house," says Kiliaen Murphy, a London-based former fashion advertising director and mother to a 16-month-old son.

She's part of a generational trend in which new parents are moving away from the Crayola colors, plastic Fisher Price toys and other cliches that characterized child-raising in the '80s and '90s. "We didn't want all of the bears and boats that adorn everything for baby boys. We just wanted a relaxed space that invites the child into our lives as an equal rather than a 'baby,'" she says of her son's room, which is done in brown and beige and has photographs from their travels and art collection on the walls.

Asher Hoffman, the New York-based jeweler behind the line Black & Blue, built a room for the baby girl he's expecting from scratch, decorating it with steel and reclaimed wood fixtures — and not a single circus animal in sight. "We live in an old factory building in downtown Manhattan, so we didn't want to ignore those roots, and yet we wanted to create something warm. So reclaimed wood seemed like a good way to do that," he says of the space. "We all live in this space together as a family. So we wanted something that provides balance and harmony for us as a whole," he adds.

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▶ "I built it with my own hands and planned it down to an 1/8 of an inch," says Hoffman of his impending baby's digs.

Quoted

"I think city-dwellers ... want the baby's room to reflect their taste and the look they chose for the rest of the house." KILIAEN MURPHY

Modernize your baby's bedroom

The rocker

▶ Try an Eames rocker instead of the usual upholstered ones. The Eames chairs are easy to wipe clean when your baby pukes. Toss on a sheepskin throw (also washes easily) to make it soft and comfy.

The wall art

▶ Skip the kiddy pictures and place real artwork on the walls. Large-scale black-and-white photos will stimulate babies' visual development, while brightly colored paintings will keep their eyes engaged down the line.

The toys

▶ Limit the plastic stuff. They don't look that great, often contain toxic chemicals and are bad for the environment. But if you must, look for the ones that are bio-based and PVC-free.

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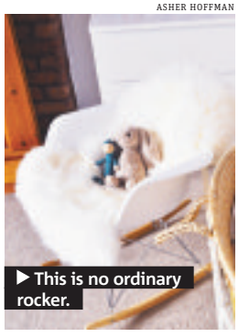

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Lessons from divorcees

NINA SUBIN

▶ Dana Adam Shapiro penned the divorcee manifesto.

A new crowd-sourced book offers the wisdom gained from those who have loved and lost in matrimony

The Dana Adam Shapiro of a few years ago would not have ordered a steak while out on a first date with a vegetarian. But after spending years interviewing divorcees for his new book "You Can Be Right or You Can Be Married" (on sale Sept. 4), the Shapiro who ordered the juicy slab of meat was a changed man.

"That was a very tangible effect of the book," he admits. "So much of the dating process is theatrical. ... You're sort of auditioning, and when you're doing so you're not really being yourself. ... The inevitability is that your real self is going to come through, so you better do it sooner rather than later."

This is just one of the lessons the author took away in the writing of his book. He interviewed dozens of anonymous divorcees who offered unvarnished accounts of their own heartbreak. From there, he extracted a few near-universal truths that he offers to Metro readers:

1 Cheating happens because of complacency: "[Divorce happens when] people aren't putting that effort in any more," Shapiro observes. "That's probably the worst thing you can do. You really do just have to re-earn it all the time."

2 We often expect problems to solve themselves: "One woman said to me, 'A man marries a woman hoping that she won't change and a woman marries a man hoping he will change and he doesn't,'" Shapiro says. "We bury a lot of the problems in the hopes that they'll just get better."

3 There is such a thing as compromising too much: "I think a lot of people try to be the ideal spouse, but sometimes it's at their own expense," he adds. "You wake up 10 years later thinking, 'I'm not me anymore.'"

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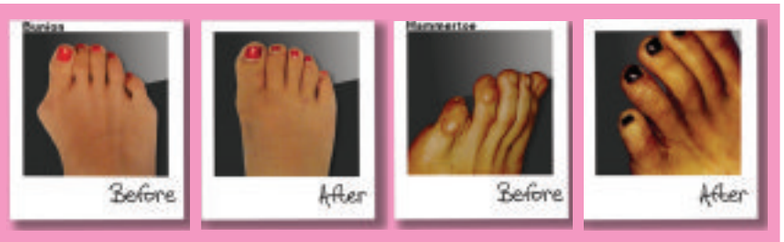

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Letters

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The 'PC police' live inside of your head

RE: "SOCIAL CENSORING: WACK OR 'PC'?" (METRO, AUG. 28) I am rather puzzled by Mr. Sharpe's contention that we as a society are increasingly in thrall to some menacing PC dictatorship. Who exactly is this "one group" dictating "what is and what is not acceptable opinion" and how is this control being exercised? You do realize, Mr. Sharpe, that the "PC police" isn't actually a thing, right? In point of fact you are quite free to express your opinions as you see fit and others are equally free to disagree with or take exception to them. You surely don't believe that it is only your side of this exchange that has freedom of expression? Because it certainly sounds like you're saying: I should be free to say whatever I want, and others should not be free to not like it.

CATHERINE VITTORIO, VIA E-MAIL

Some critics melt a little slower

RE: "GLOBAL WARNING: ARCTIC ICE RETREATS TO RECORD LOW" (METRO, AUG. 29) It's doubtful that Arctic sea ice is at a record low. The widely trumpeted assertion that the current Arctic ice extent is at a record low is based on single-source satellite data from the NSIDC, and this is an older technology. But the NSIDC also has a new and improved "multisource" data product which does not indicate record-low ice levels. Arctic sea ice is also measured by NOAA through IMS and NATICE systems, neither of which shows record lows, either. As far as global warming being the culprit behind lower-than-normal Arctic sea ice this summer, how does that explain the fact that Antarctic ice is currently at higher-than-normal levels? Or that just last winter, Arctic sea ice was nearly at a record high?

RON SHELTON, NYC

CEOs only care about bottom lines

So the Republicans are into jobs. But wait a minute — those million-dollar donors to the super-PACs are the same guys that cut wages, cut benefits, cut pension plans totally, moved plants abroad. What makes the cheering "teabaggers" think billionaire Republican CEOs have any intention of providing a bunch of high-paying, good benefit jobs in this country? They're out to do one thing: Increase their own bottom line by paying less wages and of course less taxes. Probably their preference would be no wages, no benefits and no taxes.

PAUL SIMONS, PHILADELPHIA

Romney, you've got a honey-do list

This week Americans will be treated to the reintroduction of Mitt Romney. Every single GOP pundit has described this on all the Sunday political shows. In my humble opinion, Gov. Romney has four large issues that need to be dealt with: First, he has to reach American women on women's issues such as abortion. As governor he was pro-choice, and now he's pro-life. Second, he has to prove he is capable of leading the Republican Party by uniting the party. Third, he is now married to Paul Ryan and Ryan's baggage as a member of the "Party of NO Congress."

ANTONIO BENJAMIN, VIA E-MAIL

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Horoscope

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** A matter that is quite meaningful to you is likely to be resolved to your advantage, yet you might still think you didn't get enough. Don't get greedy.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** You'll think far more highly of yourself if you don't modify your views just to placate another. Be your own person at all times, and let the chips fall as they may.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** When it comes to an issue that could advance your work or career, don't broadcast your intentions in advance.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Be on guard if you are in the company of two friends who are having a disagreement, so that you're not put in the middle. Whichever side you choose will get you in trouble.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Your financial affairs could turn out favorably, provided you are prudent in the management of your funds. Don't let a good margin get out of hand.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Do not pepper your thoughts with reasons why something can't be done. Instead, focus your imagination on positive elements regarding ways to accomplish your purposes.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** If you are able to separate the wheat from the chaff, this can be a productive day for you. Don't devote more time to the insignificant than to the beneficial and rewarding.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** When involved in a group endeavor, single out one person who is shy and hanging back. You're the one who can get him or her to join in and enjoy what is going on.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Although things in general are favorable for you, nothing is likely to be handed to you on a silver platter. What you get must be got by your own merit.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** By being methodical and practical, the possibilities for fulfilling your aims will be substantially enhanced. Don't let opportunities of great potential go unfulfilled.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** You must be able to recognize the difference between a good value judgment and a poor one in order to be successful. Don't waste time on that which yields sparse rewards.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Although you might be inclined to think otherwise, someone with whom you're involved will be far more considerate and tolerant than you are. Look at yourself realistically.

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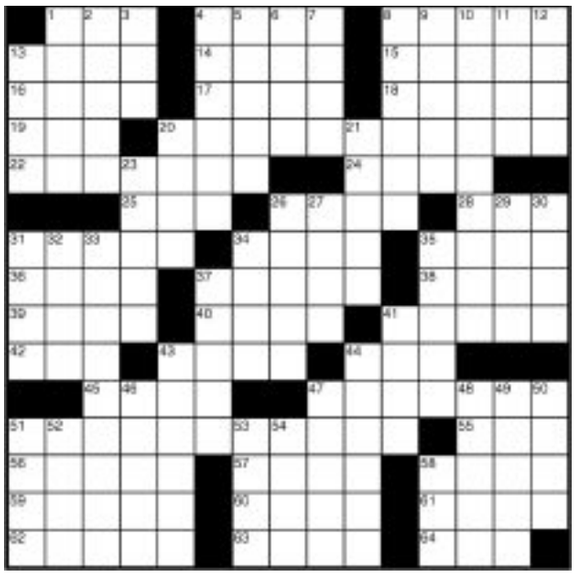

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▶ **Instead of a weekend in the Caribbean**... Hit up the West Indian American Day Carnival (**wiadcacarnival.org**), a weekend-long celebration capped by the Labor Day Carnival Parade, with 40-plus bands and revelers in elaborate costumes making their way down Brooklyn's Eastern Parkway. On Saturday night, check out the pan (steel drum) competition at the Brooklyn Museum (advance tickets $40). Fortify yourself for dancing by visiting Gloria's (764 Nostrand Ave.; 718-773-3476) for classic Trinidadian snacks.

▶ **Instead of dancing the night away in Ibiza**... Get down at the Electric Zoo Festival (advance tickets at **www.electriczoofestival.com**), three days of electronic dance music headlined by heavy hitters like David Guetta, Steve Aoki, Tiësto and Skrillex. Taking over 24 acres on Randall's Island, last year's event attracted more than 85,000 partiers. When you need a break from the music, wander through the Garden of Ez, filled with neon butterflies. And if your outfit doesn't live up to the costumes donned by the other revelers, don't worry: Professional face- and body-painters will be on site.

Summer wubbin'

▶ **Instead of dropping a grand on a flight to Seoul**... Head to College Point's Spa Castle (131-10 11th Ave.; 718-939-6300) by taking the 7 to Main Street Flushing, and then the free shuttle bus from the Flushing Municipal Parking Lot on Union Street and 39th Avenue. Modeled on the spas found all over East Asia, Spa Castle sprawls more than five stories of pools, saunas and treatment rooms. "I highly recommend the Korean body scrubs," says frequent Castle-goer Marilyn Stotts. "An old lady will climb all over your butt-naked body scrubbing three layers of skin off. You come out soft as a baby and even shinier." Once shiny and refreshed, stop by Flushing's San Soo Kap San (171-10 Northern Blvd.; 718-445-4850) for Korean BBQ.

▶ **Instead of rushing to Europe and back**... Visit Our Lady of Fatima (82 Congress St.; 973-589-8433) in Newark's Portuguese-heavy Ironbound district. All weekend, the church hosts a festival including a religious procession for Our Lady of Good Voyage on Sunday afternoon, folkloric dances and — most importantly — delicious Portuguese food. "They have lots of yummy street-food vendors set up in the church's parking lot," says Newark resident Ana Morais. "There you can find grilled sardines, barbecued chicken (Portuguese style), roast suckling pig as well as all the farturas (a sort of zeppole) you can eat." Stop by for the food and performances on Friday from 7 to 10 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 7 p.m. to midnight.

▶ **Instead of a trip to Russia**... Get just a taste of it on the seaside. After a walk along Brighton Beach, have plates of smoked fish and cold Baltika beers at one of the three branches of Tatiana (3152 Brighton 6th St., or enter along the boardwalk; 718-891-5151). Then head over to the Manhattan Beach neighborhood to marvel at the mansions built by Russian millionaires. And stop by Anyway Cafe (111 Oriental Blvd.; 718-648-3906) for crepes with caviar, dumplings and infused vodka.

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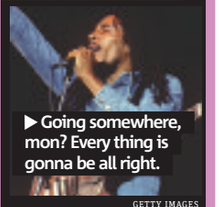
Songza playlist



▶ Going somewhere, mon? Every thing is gonna be all right.

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Songza departure

Whether you're leaving for college or just taking a trip, leaving home is always bittersweet. The playlist at **www.songza.com/ listen/leaving-home-songza** features some songs to help you on your way. You'll get to hear wistful tunes both you and your parents will dig, like "I Was Young When I Left Home" by Bob Dylan, "Helplessness Blues" by Fleet Foxes and "Keep On Moving" by Bob Marley, pictured.

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4 RESTAURANTS WORTH THE TRIP

Blue Hill at Stone Barns

630 Bedford Rd.
Pocantico Hills, N.Y.
914-366-9600

The food served at Blue Hill at Stone Barns is as beautiful as the pastoral setting in which the restaurant is set — fresh ingredients sourced from local Hudson Valley producers ensure that. The restaurant, located within the Stone Barns Center for Food and Agriculture, is all classy food-consciousness — jackets and ties are preferred for men, while plates are presented as an exuberant celebration of seasonal flavors. There's no menu at this Westchester standout; patrons dine on a farmers feast created from a continuously updated list of more than 100 ingredients (some directly from Stone Barns farm), which is tailored to each diner's food sensitivities and tastes. Sister restaurant Blue Hill New York, located in the Village, operates under a similar "local ingredients, artisanal techniques" ethos.

AMBER RAY

PAUL JOHNSON

▶ Armonk's Moderne Barn offers "rooftop farm-to-table."

Moderne Barn

430 Bedford Rd.
Armonk, N.Y.
914-730-0001

A favorite of the Clintons, Moderne Barn offers American cuisine that changes with the seasons — indeed, some of the produce you'll encounter comes straight from the eatery's rooftop garden. We stopped by earlier in the summer and were bowled over by its corn ricotta ravioli and peach cobbler, two dishes with summer produce in the starring role. Floor-to-ceiling windows frame the rustic interior with modern touches (check out the horse portraits along the walls) for a dining experience that's a little bit of country smack dab in the suburbs.

MEREDITH ENGEL

Hudson at Haymount House

25 Studio Hill Road
Briarcliff Manor, N.Y.
914-502-0080

Sipping rosé while watching the sun set over the river from the back patio at Hudson at Haymount House, it's easy to imagine that you've stumbled into "The Great Gatsby." The 4-month-old New American restaurant is set in a estate built in 1910, but the menu is farm-to-table modern, focused on fresh, local produce. Try the herbal cucumber-honeydew gazpacho, the deconstructed sweet corn and snail chowder or the lobster with beurre de peche. At Hudson, the execution is inventive — but the ingredient is king.

REBECCA FINKEL

HUDSON AT HAYMOUNT HOUSE

MP Taverna

One Bridge Street
Irvington, N.Y.
914-231-7854

Just steps from the Metro North Irvington train station, MP Taverna is chef Michael Psilakis' modern take on a traditional Greek tavern: a place to gather for an intimate meal of simple, rustic food. The blended dips with warm pita, the tender octopus and crispy cod meze and the whole grilled fish are perfect for passing around a table full of friends or family.

The casual setting is a departure from Chef Psilakis' upscale Greek-modern ventures, Fishtag and Kefi, but that was the point: "If you create an environment that allows people to be comfortable and you create food that is enjoyable," he tells Metro, "then you've given people this canvas that allows them to create their own memories."

Taverna serves almost 50 wines by the glass, many of which are Greek. Ask the knowledgeable waitstaff for their recommended pairings — we love the bright Deusa Nai Albarino with the whole grilled branzino.

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▶ The octopus meze is eight-legged comfort food.

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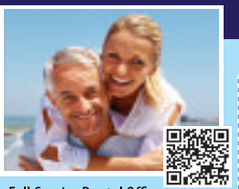

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Today, noon-1 p.m.,
General Assembly, 902 Broadway, fourth floor, free with RSVP
They don't call it Silicon Alley for nothin'. Get a solid intro to New York City's thriving tech scene at this orientation — from the companies, people and watch-worthy VCs to the events and meetups you shouldn't miss. **LEAH TAYLOR**

MUSIC

Astromelt v.02
Tonight, 11 p.m.-4 a.m.,
Tammany Hall, 152 Orchard St., $10
Roving LA party group the Melt joins forces with Dubspot and Astro Nautico to present heavy hitters including LA dub staple Steve Nalepa, kid genius Snorlax (who's prepping a 666-song debut album), Obey City and Mad Decent's Djemba Djemba. **LT**

Parade

West Indian American Day Parade

Monday, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.
Eastern Pkwy., Brooklyn
Free
Countries from all around the Caribbean are represented with blaring speakers stacked atop flatbed trucks and the roofs of buses, women in outlandish Carnival costumes dancing along side and stand after stand of the best Caribbean soul food in Brooklyn. **LT**

Fujiya & Miyagi with Hess Is More and Wishes
Tonight, 8:30p.m.,
Glasslands Gallery, 289 Kent Ave., Williamsburg, $15
The krautrock-fueled U.K. foursome is good for a chill time marked by head bobs and occasional hip sways. Wishes and Danish composer Mikkel Hess' musical integration project, Hess Is More, open. **MINDI BOND**

Electric Zoo
Friday-Sunday, Randall's Island, $115+
With headliners dedicated to electric, dubstep and house music (David Guetta, Axwell and Tiesto), the three-day phenomenon should sate music lovers from NYC and beyond. **SARAH BELLMAN**

DANCING

Blkmarket Membership presents Cocoon Heroes feat. Onur Ozer
Sunday, 11 p.m.-7 a.m.,
System Dance Club, 32-10 37th Ave., Queens, $35-$40
A raging affair in Ibiza for the last 12 years, the legendary Cocoon Heroes party has now expanded to New York. Turkish producer Onur Ozer headlines with deep, syncopated minimal techno.
ANNA BALKRISHNA

FILM

'Rock 'n' Roll High School'
Friday at midnight,
Nitehawk Cinema, 136 Metropolitan Ave. Williamsburg, $11
The midnight screening of this campy 1979 film is a rare opportunity to sing out loud to our favorite songs by the Ramones without shame. **JASON DIAMOND**

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Hot chef

Maison Premiere's new chef comes out of his shell

MAISON PREMIERE

▶ Stafford-Hill

An evening at Brooklyn's Maison Premiere may end with absinthe, but it begins with great seafood. Because the restaurant has a personal relationship with fishermen, it's able to introduce small catches of sushi-grade live seafood into the menu (which is reprinted 4 or 5 times day) and as many as 65 oyster varieties per week.

Now with Chef Jared Stafford-Hill at the helm, dishes like sea urchin wrapped in summer melon round out the raw bar. The crudo, in particular, shines. We spoke to him about why cooking with fish is "like coming home."

How do you build a dish?
Most of the preparations on the menu are pretty traditional. We have a New England lobster salad with mayo and lemon and parsley and celery, but we add an intense reduced lobster stock to the mayo to make it a little richer, a little more interesting. And the crab is very Riviera, with rouille and black olive and pepper espelette. I tried to keep it contemporary, fresh and interesting, but also take cues from things that have been done over the years.
Have you been cooking with seafood for a long time?
I think the first fish I ever ate was either swordfish or tuna when I was in high school; my mom brought it home and overcooked it. … For a cook, there's always a conflict between cooking meats and cooking fish.
Do you have a preference?
Cooking meat is always very prescribed: You have the parts that have to cook forever and the parts that are very tender. With fish, you can kind of do anything. My first chef in New York was Rocco DiSpirito, in 1998, and that menu was really seafood-heavy. That was the first time I ever dealt with raw fish. ... I remember Rocco saying, forever ago, that he hates cooking beef, because there are only, like three things you can do with it: It's gotta be intensely flavored, it's gotta be hot, it's gotta be rich. But with fish, you have this whole range.
Will you take part in Maison Premiere's oyster-eating contest this Monday?
I don't plan on it. [Laughs]
Why? Do you have an unfair advantage?
I just do everything in moderation. I like eating oysters a lot, but usually [no more than] 18 is enough.

▶ **If you go**
Maison Premiere Labor Day Party
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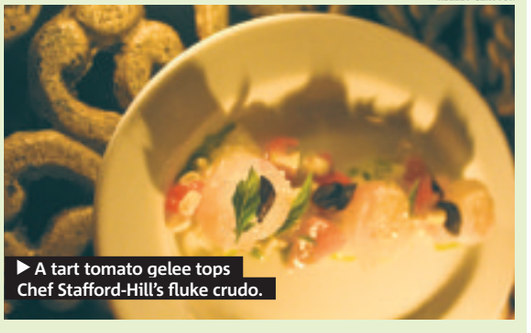

▶ A tart tomato gelee tops Chef Stafford-Hill's fluke crudo.

Get ready for Barclays Center

▶ **Barclays Center, scheduled to open Sept. 28, marks the return of major sports and entertainment in Brooklyn.** Located atop one of the largest transportation hubs in New York City, the arena is accessible by 11 subway lines, the Long Island Rail Road and 11 bus lines. The arena will have intimate seating configurations with unparalleled sightlines and first-class amenities. Barclays Center will host an extensive variety of events, including premier concerts, monthly major professional boxing cards, college basketball, family shows, professional hockey and the Brooklyn Nets. For a complete listing of all upcoming events, visit www.barclayscenter.com

▶ Barclays Center will open on Sept. 28.

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▶ Clijsters

Clijsters makes final Open exit

Kim Clijsters, one of the most popular and beloved women in the history of tennis, appears to have played the last singles match of her career.

And it came on the court — and in the city — where she enjoyed her greatest success.

Let the record reflect that Laura Robson of Great Britain handed the three-time U.S. Open champion her final singles loss, 7-6 (4), 7-6 (5), during the early evening in a second-round match Wednesday in Arthur Ashe Stadium.

"Thank you first of all," Clijsters told the crowd on-court after the loss. "One of my biggest dreams came true in 2005, winning here. And at the time I came back, I just was so inspired by the energy that was out on this court. And I played some of my best tennis here and some of my greatest matches [here]. So this completely feels like the perfect place to retire."

At that point, a fan broke out with the chant, "One more year."

ADAM ZAGORIA

Isner wins in four sets

The top-ranked American man, John Isner, won in four sets in his opening match yesterday.

The No. 9 seed Isner beat Xavier Malisse, 6-3, 7-6, 5-7, 7-6. Malisse argued with the chair umpire multiple times and even took umbrage with fan chanting.

No American has won a Grand Slam title since Andy Roddick did so in 2003 at the U.S. Open.

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▶ Smith still hasn't been told whether he'll make the 53-man roster to be finalized on Friday afternoon.

From Down Under

Former rugby star with one last chance to prove himself on NFL stage
Smith feels he's becoming more comfortable Picking up techniques

Despite seeing a smattering of action in the first three preseason games, Jets tight end Hayden Smith isn't overly excited at the prospect of extended playing time tonight.

He just views it as the next step in his progression toward becoming a football player.

The Australian-born Smith is a former rugby star trying to transition to the NFL and is making up for his lack of football acumen with outstanding athletic ability. Having never played a snap of competitive football, Smith has had a severe learning curve since rookie camp in May. But three weeks ago during his competitive football debut, he said it finally dawned on him that he was turning into an NFL player.

"I feel good about my development. ... I'm excited to see where it goes from here."
HAYDEN SMITH, ON HIS TRANSITION TO THE NFL

"I need to get better with technique and things. But overall, the game is slowing down and technique — it's getting better," Smith told Metro. "But it is getting easier and better each day and each game."

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Jets vs. Eagles: 3 things to watch

Bring on the rookies.

It is preseason game No. 4 and with that, the starters get a rest and the young players looking to make an impression get to see significant snaps against the Eagles. A look at three things to watch in tonight's game:

1 McElroy time
Talk to those at practice consistently, and many think third-string quarterback Greg McElroy could be the best quarterback on the Jets' roster. Cerebral and a proven winner in college at Alabama, the knock on McElroy has always been his arm strength, or more aptly his lack thereof. McElroy looked good last year in preseason before breaking his right thumb and missing the season. He should get plenty of snaps against.

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▶ McElroy has looked good in camp.

2 He's Da-mon
Not a whole lot was expected of undrafted rookie free agent Damon Harrison, a product out of NAIA program William Penn, but Harrison has size at 6-foot-3 and 339 pounds and moves surprisingly well for a nose tackle. "This is my last chance and nothing is guaranteed, especially not in the NFL, unless you're a first-round guy," Harrison told Metro. "The feedback has been good so far and I think I've turned some heads."

3 Punt this!
On Tuesday, the Jets signed Spencer Lanning to compete with T.J. Conley at the punter position. Despite Conley's bad form two weeks ago in a loss to the Giants, Lanning isn't exactly proven at the position. Look for Lanning to get his fair share of punts as the Jets gauge him against their veteran.

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In the news

Yankees lose
Poor situational hitting, sloppy fielding and poorly executed pitches doomed the Yankees during yesterday's 8-5 loss to the Blue Jays.

The game featured a 3-for-17 performance with runners in scoring position, three fielding errors and 12 hits allowed by six pitchers, including CC Sabathia.

"You're not happy to lose a ballgame, that's the bottom line," manager Joe Girardi said. "Show me a manager or a player that's happy about losing a ballgame and I'll show you a loser. That's the bottom line."

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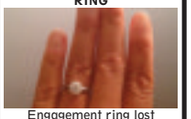

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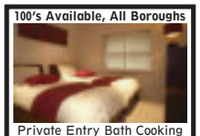
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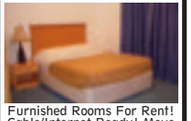
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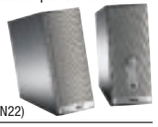

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